



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF  
Operations  
Regulatory (2005-1618-DWW)

Mr. John D. Heffner, PLLC  
1920 North Street, N.W.  
Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Heffner:

We have reviewed information about a project for the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company to discontinue service and abandon 4.4 miles of rail line called the Central Soya Line, Harvard Subdivision (STB Docket No. AB-383 Sub-No. 4X, STB Docket No. AB-33 Sub-No. 251X). The rail line will be removed between milepost 85.5 in the Township of Madison and milepost 89.9 in the City of Fitchburg. The project site is in Sec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, T. 6N., R. 9E., and Sec. 34, T. 7N., R. 9E., Dane County, Wisconsin.

The work proposed at the location stated is not within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers. No work will be done in a navigable water of the United States, and no dredged or fill material, including that incidental to mechanical land clearing, will be discharged in any water of the United States, including wetlands. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit is not required to do this work.

This letter is valid only for the project referenced above. If any change in design, location, or purpose is contemplated, contact this office to avoid doing work that may be in violation of Federal law. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CONFIRMATION LETTER DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR STATE, LOCAL, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS, SUCH AS THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR COUNTY.

The decision regarding this action is based on information found in the administrative record which documents the District's decision-making process, the basis for the decision, and the final decision.

If you have any questions, contact Daryl W. Wierzbinski in our Waukesha office at (262) 547-1876. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,

*Daryl W. Wierzbinski*  
Robert J. Whiting  
for Chief, Regulatory Branch

Copy furnished: Cami Peterson, WDNR, Fitchburg, WI

**DRAFT JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Revised 8/13/04

DISTRICT OFFICE: St. Paul District  
FILE NUMBER: 2005-1618-DWW  
PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

State: Wisconsin

County: Dane

Center coordinates of site (latitude/longitude): 43.0246772°/-89.4351741°

Approximate size of area (parcel) reviewed, including uplands: 53 acres.

Name of nearest waterway: Nine Springs Creek

Name of watershed: Upper Rock

**JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION**

Completed: Desktop determination

☒ Date: 5/2/05

Site visit(s)

☒ Date(s):**Jurisdictional Determination (JD):**

☒ Preliminary JD - Based on available information ☐, there appear to be (or) ☐ there appear to be no "waters of the United States" and/or "navigable waters of the United States" on the project site. A preliminary JD is not appealable (Reference 33 CFR part 331).

☒ Approved JD - An approved JD is an appealable action (Reference 33 CFR part 331).

Check all that apply:

☒ There are "navigable waters of the United States" (as defined by 33 CFR part 329 and associated guidance) within the reviewed area. Approximate size of jurisdictional area:

☒ There are "waters of the United States" (as defined by 33 CFR part 328 and associated guidance) within the reviewed area. Approximate size of jurisdictional area:

☒ There are "isolated, non-navigable, intra-state waters or wetlands" within the reviewed area.

☒ Decision supported by SWANCC/Migratory Bird Rule Information Sheet for Determination of No Jurisdiction.

**BASIS OF JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:**

A. Waters defined under 33 CFR part 329 as "navigable waters of the United States":

☒ The presence of waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

B. Waters defined under 33 CFR part 328.3(a) as "waters of the United States":

☒ (1) The presence of waters, which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

☒ (2) The presence of interstate waters including interstate wetlands.

☒ (3) The presence of other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate commerce including any such waters (check all that apply):

☐ (i) which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.

☐ (ii) from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.

☐ (iii) which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.

☒ (4) Impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the US.

☒ (5) The presence of a tributary to a water identified in (1) - (4) above.

☒ (6) The presence of territorial seas.

☒ (7) The presence of wetlands adjacent to other waters of the US, except for those wetlands adjacent to other wetlands.

**Rationale for the Basis of Jurisdictional Determination (applies to any boxes checked above).** If the jurisdictional water or wetland is not itself a navigable water of the United States, describe connection(s) to the downstream navigable waters. If B(1) or B(3) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document navigability and/or interstate commerce connection (i.e., discuss site conditions, including why the waterbody is navigable and/or how the destruction of the waterbody could affect interstate or foreign commerce). If B(2, 4, 5 or 6) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document the rationale used to make the determination. If B(7) is used as the Basis of Jurisdiction, document the rationale used to make adjacency determination: Wetlands adjacent to a tributary to the Rock River, a Section 10 water of the U.S.

**Lateral Extent of Jurisdiction:** (Reference: 33 CFR parts 328 and 329)

- ☒ Ordinary High Water Mark indicated by:
- ☐ clear, natural line impressed on the bank
  - ☐ the presence of litter and debris
  - ☐ changes in the character of soil
  - ☐ destruction of terrestrial vegetation
  - ☐ shelving
  - ☐ other:
- ☒ High Tide Line indicated by:
- ☐ oil or scum line along shore objects
  - ☐ fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)
  - ☐ physical markings/characteristics
  - ☐ tidal gages
  - ☐ other:
- ☒ Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
- ☐ survey to available datum; ☐ physical markings; ☐ vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

☐ Wetland boundaries, as shown on the attached wetland delineation map and/or in a delineation report prepared by:

**Basis For Not Asserting Jurisdiction:**

- ☒ The reviewed area consists entirely of uplands.
- ☒ Unable to confirm the presence of waters in 33 CFR part 328(a)(1, 2, or 4-7).
- ☒ Headquarters declined to approve jurisdiction on the basis of 33 CFR part 328.3(a)(3).
- ☒ The Corps has made a case-specific determination that the following waters present on the site are not Waters of the United States:
- ☐ Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons, pursuant to 33 CFR part 328.3.
  - ☐ Artificially irrigated areas, which would revert to upland if the irrigation ceased.
  - ☐ Artificial lakes and ponds created by excavating and/or diking dry land to collect and retain water and which are used exclusively for such purposes as stock watering, irrigation, settling basins, or rice growing.
  - ☐ Artificial reflecting or swimming pools or other small ornamental bodies of water created by excavating and/or diking dry land to retain water for primarily aesthetic reasons.
  - ☐ Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to construction activity and pits excavated in dry land for the purpose of obtaining fill, sand, or gravel unless and until the construction or excavation operation is abandoned and the resulting body of water meets the definition of waters of the United States found at 33 CFR 328.3(a).
  - ☐ Isolated, intrastate wetland with no nexus to interstate commerce.
  - ☐ Prior converted cropland, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Explain rationale:
  - ☐ Non-tidal drainage or irrigation ditches excavated on dry land. Explain rationale:
  - ☒ Other (explain): **No discharge of dredge or fill material in waters of the U.S., including wetlands.**

**DATA REVIEWED FOR JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (mark all that apply):**

- ☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant.
- ☒ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant.
- ☐ This office concurs with the delineation report, dated \_\_\_\_\_, prepared by (company): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ This office does not concur with the delineation report, dated \_\_\_\_\_ prepared by (company): \_\_\_\_\_

- ☒ Data sheets prepared by the Corps.
- ☒ Corps' navigable waters' studies:
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic maps:
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Historic quadrangles:
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey 15 Minute Historic quadrangles:
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey:
- ☒ National wetlands inventory maps:
- ☒ State/Local wetland inventory maps: **WIDNR**
- ☒ FEMA/FIRM maps (Map Name & Date): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: \_\_\_\_\_ (NGVD)
- ☒ Aerial Photographs (Name & Date): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other photographs (Date): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Advanced Identification Wetland maps:
- ☒ Site visit/determination conducted on: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Applicable/supporting case law: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Other information (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Wetlands are identified and delineated using the methods and criteria established in the Corps Wetland Delineation Manual (87 Manual) (i.e., occurrence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology).

<sup>2</sup>The term "adjacent" means bordering, contiguous, or neighboring. Wetlands separated from other waters of the U.S. by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes, and the like are also adjacent.